

To: Members of the Cabinet

Notice of a Meeting of the Cabinet

Tuesday, 18 August 2020 at 10.00 am

Virtual

Please note that due to guidelines imposed on social distancing by the Government the meeting will be held virtually.

If you wish to view proceedings please click on this <u>Live Stream Link</u> However, that will not allow you to participate in the meeting

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August 2020

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Membership

Councillors

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Mrs Judith Heathcoat Deputy Leader

Lawrie Stratford Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public

Health

Steve Harrod Cabinet Member for Children & Family Services

Ian Corkin Cabinet Member for Council Business &

Partnerships

Lorraine Lindsay-Gale Cabinet Member for Education & Cultural Services

Yvonne Constance OBE Cabinet Member for Environment

David Bartholomew Cabinet Member for Finance

Liam Walker Mark Gray Cabinet Member for Highways Delivery & Operations
Cabinet Member for Local Communities

The Agenda is attached. Decisions taken at the meeting will become effective at the end of the working day on Wednesday 26 August unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee. Copies of this Notice, Agenda and supporting papers are circulated to all Members of the County Council.

Date of next meeting: 15 September 2020

Declarations of Interest

The duty to declare.....

Under the Localism Act 2011 it is a criminal offence to

- (a) fail to register a disclosable pecuniary interest within 28 days of election or co-option (or re-election or re-appointment), or
- (b) provide false or misleading information on registration, or
- (c) participate in discussion or voting in a meeting on a matter in which the member or co-opted member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

Whose Interests must be included?

The Act provides that the interests which must be notified are those of a member or co-opted member of the authority, **or**

- those of a spouse or civil partner of the member or co-opted member;
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as husband/wife
- those of a person with whom the member or co-opted member is living as if they were civil partners.

(in each case where the member or co-opted member is aware that the other person has the interest).

What if I remember that I have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the Meeting?.

The Code requires that, at a meeting, where a member or co-opted member has a disclosable interest (of which they are aware) in any matter being considered, they disclose that interest to the meeting. The Council will continue to include an appropriate item on agendas for all meetings, to facilitate this.

Although not explicitly required by the legislation or by the code, it is recommended that in the interests of transparency and for the benefit of all in attendance at the meeting (including members of the public) the nature as well as the existence of the interest is disclosed.

A member or co-opted member who has disclosed a pecuniary interest at a meeting must not participate (or participate further) in any discussion of the matter; and must not participate in any vote or further vote taken; and must withdraw from the room.

Members are asked to continue to pay regard to the following provisions in the code that "You must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" or "You must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned.....".

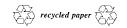
Please seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting should you have any doubt about your approach.

List of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

Employment (includes "any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain".), **Sponsorship**, **Contracts**, **Land**, **Licences**, **Corporate Tenancies**, **Securities**.

For a full list of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and further Guidance on this matter please see the Guide to the New Code of Conduct and Register of Interests at Members' conduct guidelines. http://intranet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/wcm/connect/occ/Insite/Elected+members/ or contact Glenn Watson on 07776 997946 or glenn.watson@oxfordshire.gov.uk for a hard copy of the document.

If you have any special requirements (such as a large print version of these papers or special access facilities) please contact the officer named on the front page, but please give as much notice as possible before the meeting.



AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

- guidance note opposite

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2020 (CA3) and to receive information arising from them.

4. Questions from County Councillors

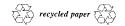
Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am two working days before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

5. Petitions and Public Address

This Cabinet meeting will be held virtually in order to conform with current guidelines regarding social distancing. Normally requests to speak at this public meeting are required by 9 am on the day preceding the published date of the meeting. However, during the current situation and to facilitate these new arrangements we are asking that requests to speak are submitted by no later than 9am four working days before the meeting i.e. 9 am on Wednesday 12 August. Requests to speak should be sent to sue.whitehead@oxfordshire.gov.uk together with a written statement of your presentation to ensure that if the technology fails then your views can still be taken into account. A written copy of your statement can be provided no later than 9 am 2 working days before the meeting.



Where a meeting is held virtually and the addressee is unable to participate virtually their written submission will be accepted.

Written submissions should be no longer than 1 A4 sheet.

6. Business Management & Monitoring Report - Quarter 1 - April - June 2020 (Pages 13 - 38)

Cabinet Member: Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance

Forward Plan Ref: 2020/063

Contact: Louise Tustian, Head of Insight & Corporate Programmes Tel: 07741 607452/Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 07584 174654

Report by Corporate Director Customers & Organisational Development and Director of Finance (CA6).

This report sets out Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC's) progress towards Corporate Plan priorities at 30 June 2020. A summary of overall performance and description of change is contained within the report.

The report contains two annexes:

- Annex A shows our current performance against targets and summarises progress towards overall outcomes set out in our Corporate Plan.
- Annex B sets out the Leadership Risk Register which has been developed as part of the Council's work to strengthen risk and opportunities management.

Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to note the contents of the report.

7. **Revised Budget 2020/21** (Pages 39 - 66)

Cabinet Member: Finance Forward Plan Ref: 2020/114

Contact: Hannah Doney, Head of Corporate Finance Tel: 07584 174654

Report by Director of Finance (CA7).

On 21 July 2020 Cabinet agreed to ask officers to identify plans to address the potential overspend in 2020/21 arising from COVID-19 and report back to the next meeting with recommendations for action. This report sets out a proposal for a revisions to the budget for 2020/21 which is the outcome of that work. The revised budget will address the risk of overspend and reflects the additional costs incurred by the Council in the response phase to the COVID-19 pandemic and the additional funding that has been received from central government.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:

(a) approve the creation of the Council Tax Collection Fund Reserve

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to RECOMMEND COUNCIL TO:

- (b) approve the savings set out in Annex 1
- (c) approve the revised revenue budget for 2020/21 set out in Annex 2

8. Exempt Item

Item 9

In the event that any Member or Officer wishes to discuss the information set out in the Annex to Agenda Item 9, the Cabinet will be invited to resolve to exclude the public for the consideration of that Annex by passing a resolution in relation in the following terms:

"that the public be excluded during the consideration of the Annex since it is likely that if they were present during that discussion there would be a disclosure of "exempt" information as described in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 and specified below the item in the Agenda".

NOTE: The report does not contain exempt information and is available to the public.

THE ANNEX TO THE ITEM NAMED HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS 'CONFIDENTIAL' BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM.

Item 10

It is RECOMMENDED that the public be excluded for the duration of item 10 (since it is likely that if they were present during that item there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and specified below in relation to that item and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information on the grounds set out in that item.

THE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE EXEMPT ITEM HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS STRICTLY PRIVATE TO MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THEM.

THIS ALSO MEANS THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE ANNEX TO ITEM 10 AND THE INFORMATION AT ITEM 11 SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH OTHERS AND NO COPIES SHOULD BE MADE.

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9. Disposal of Development Sites to Oxford City Council (Pages 67 - 74)

Cabinet Member: Finance Forward Plan Ref: 2020/106

Contact: Karen Lister, Head of Estates & Strategy Tel: 07875 441940/Steve Jorden, Corporate Director – Commercial Development, Assets and Investment Tel: 07881

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Report by Corporate Director – Commercial Development, Assets and Investment (**CA9**).

The information contained in the annex is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed category:

3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);

and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, in that a negotiation is ongoing and would prejudice the position of the authority in the process of that negotiation and the Council's standing generally in relation to such matters in future, to the detriment of the Council's ability properly to discharge its fiduciary and other duties as a public authority.

The City Council are actively seeking new sites in order to deliver additional affordable housing to meet Growth Deal pipeline numbers. In addition, the City are seeking to bring forward their regeneration of Blackbird Leys. The County Council owns development sites in Oxford and also the Blackbird Leys Former Pool. Consequently, this has resulted in discussions between the two Councils on a subject to contract basis.

The negotiations are now complete, and this report details the provisionally agreed terms of the transactions. The report seeks approval for the disposal of three sites to the City Council as a named purchaser.

The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to

- (a) Agree the principle of off-market sales to the City Council, as a named purchaser, of the following properties:
 - Part of Northfield Hostel for delivery of 100% affordable housing
 - Former Depot Site at Lanham Way for delivery of 100% affordable housing
 - Former Blackbird Leys Swimming Pool for incorporation into the regeneration scheme

- (b) To declare the Former Blackbird Leys Swimming Pool surplus to requirements.
- (c) Delegate authority to the Director for Property, Investment and Facilities Management and the Director of Law and Governance to agree appropriate terms.

10. Exempt Minutes

To approve the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2020 (**CA11**) and to receive information arising from them.

The information contained in the minute is exempt in that it falls within the following prescribed category:

3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);

and since it is considered that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, in that a negotiation is ongoing and would prejudice the position of the authority in the process of that negotiation and the Council's standing generally in relation to such matters in future, to the detriment of the Council's ability properly to discharge its fiduciary and other duties as a public authority.